



## Stella Ruth Masterson

August 12, 1942 - November 28, 2016

Stella Ruth Masterson, 74, of Bluffton passed away at 2:40 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2016, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Stella was born on August 12, 1942 in Jellico, Kentucky to Walter West & Rose (Parks) West.

On May 17, 1960 in Bluffton, Stella and James "Jim" E. Masterson were married.

Stella was a homemaker for many years. She cleaned many homes in the surrounding area. She volunteered at Christian Care for many years and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed her flowers gardening, puzzles and playing cards, and most of all of her grandchildren. She attended many churches in the area.

Survivors include her husband Jim of Bluffton along with two sons Terry (Linda) Masterson of Poneto and Doug (Marie) Masterson along with two grandchildren: D.J. (Toni) Masterson and Terra (Chad) Morris, all of Bluffton, six great-grandchildren.

Stella is also survived by siblings: Donald Lee (Eunice) West of Bluffton, Charles (Donna) West of Geneva, Pauline Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, Midge (Huey) Ginter of Liberty Center, Bernice (Larry) Wine of Fort Wayne, along with many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter along with siblings: Raymond, Harold and Claude West, Ruby Mae Copeland.

A service to celebrate Stella's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday

(December 3, 2016) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Visitation will take place on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Stella's name to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Stella's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## **Celebration of Life Service**

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**DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)**

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stella Ruth Masterson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jim so sorry I didn't know about Stella's death. You and Stella were good neighbors. She did my laundry for 21 years. When I bought a washer and dryer after I moved she was very disappointed. If you see me on the street or pass by my house be sure to make yourself known. Claire Busch*

**Valerie Jackson** - December 05, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Tonya Gillum lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



**Tonya Gillum** - December 02, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ I will miss my Aunt Stella. ❤️ No Matter where I saw her, she never failed to stop me to say hello and ask how I was & what I was up to. She was a loving caring woman. I loved her quirky personality, & I admire the way she had of saying what she thought about anyone or anything. (perhaps that is where I get that trait!!) No..lol.. she was not one to hold back! ..If there was news to be heard she knew what it was! May she be Resting and Breathing easily in Heaven as she greets all our loved ones who have passed before her. She will be missed by many. Fly High Aunt Stella, ❤️ I Love You ❤️ and I will see you when I get there!



*I Thought I'd Share This, I call It ~ Miss Me But Let Me Go.*

*When I have come to the end of the road  
and when the sun has set for me,  
I want no rights in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free,  
Miss me a little-but let me go,  
For this is a journey we all must take  
and each of us must go alone..  
as all a part of the master's plan,  
it's a step on the road to home,  
So when you are lonely and sick at heart,  
go to the friends we know  
and bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,  
Miss me- but let me go...❤️*

*My Deepest Condolences To My Uncle Jim, Terry And Doug, Their wives and her Grandchildren, as well as all my Aunts and Uncles and Family.*

*❤️ ~ Love, Donna*

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**Donna Eckhart** - December 02, 2016 at 10:21 AM



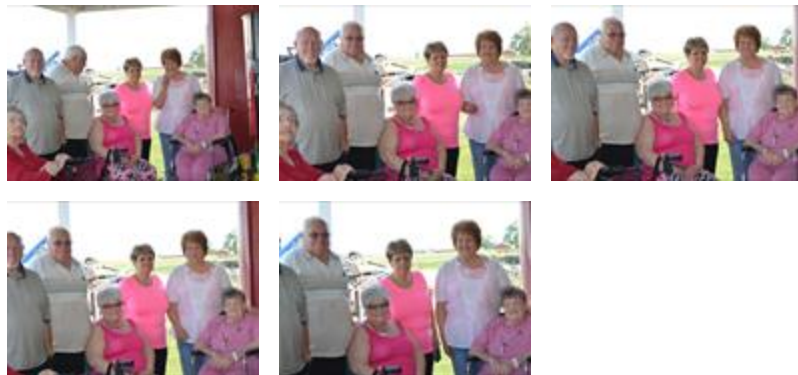
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Donna Eckhart - December 02, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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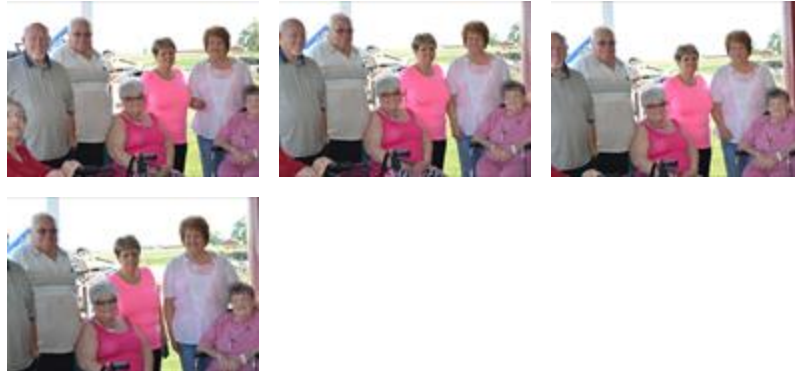
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Donna(West) Eckhart - December 02, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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**Donna(West) Eckhart** - December 02, 2016 at 09:35 AM

LW

“ *iam going to miss my beautiful sister stella masterson so much we share alot of things together she would always share her things with me and i would do the same and it was nothing like are you going to make me some carmel corn i would tell her yes i will and she would say well now make me a bag and jim a bag so that way jim want eat it up and she said thank i want get any . just so many things that e woul do and laugh about it i love her so much cant stand the thoughts of her leaving me but i know she is waiting on me and i know i will see her again she sure will be miss , bernice larry wine*

**larry and bernice wine** - December 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Bernice Wine lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



**larry and bernice wine** - December 01, 2016 at 02:46 PM

KC

“ *Kim Connett lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



Kim Connett - November 30, 2016 at 10:28 PM

BW

“ *Bernice Wine lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



Bernice wine - November 30, 2016 at 10:26 PM

KC

“ *Kim Connett lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



Kim Connett - November 30, 2016 at 10:25 PM

BW

“ *Bernice Wine sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



Bernice wine - November 30, 2016 at 10:20 PM

CC

“ *Cathie Crago lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



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**Cathie Crago** - November 30, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Stacey West lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



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**Stacey West** - November 30, 2016 at 12:10 PM

SL

“ *Gone but never 4gotten.*



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**shirley lane** - November 30, 2016 at 11:04 AM

RU

“ *Stella was one of my favorites. Loved getting to know her over the past few years. We had some great conversations and shared good stories. Loved meeting some of her family, especially hubby and sisters. I will miss her!*  
*Ruthie*



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**Ruthie** - November 30, 2016 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ *Joyce Huss lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



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**Joyce Huss** - November 30, 2016 at 06:24 AM

SH

“ *Stella you will be missed so much! The friendship we made will always be in my heart! The smell of sweet pea lotion will always remind me of you! My thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and stellas family! Xoxo love always, shawna.*

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**Shawna** - November 30, 2016 at 03:32 AM

KC

“ *Aunt Stella was such A Beautiful Person & The Greatest Aunt ♡ She would Do Anything She could, to Help Anyone !! I am Gonna Miss Her So Much !  
But Her time here on Earth is done ....  
She is Finally Pain Free and No Longer Suffering .. God gained Another Angel ♡Fly High Aunt Stella ... I Love You with All My Heart and You Will Forever Be Missed ♡  
\*\*\*I know Your Family in Heaven will Be So Excited to See You ♡  
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Love Ya Always  
Kim & Jerry  
Connett*



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**Kim Connett** - November 29, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ *Jennifer Dunnuck lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



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**Jennifer Dunnuck** - November 29, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CA

“ *Connie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson*



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**connie anderson** - November 29, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Stella! You are not hurting any longer and are pain free. You sure will be missed. Wonderful amazing lady inside and out! God Bless you and your family*



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**Robin Bockholt** - November 29, 2016 at 08:42 PM

JP

“ *Rip aunt Stella we lost a great women a women that would bend over backwards to help you and just plain be there for anyone we all love you and know you have went home to be with grandpa and grandma and sis Teresa and you will be missed dearly down here but your now pain free and freed from the suffering and hurting may God be with you and you can now rest love james Veronica purvis and family*

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**james purvis** - November 29, 2016 at 06:59 PM

AE

“ Fly high aunt Stella you are now free from all the pain and now breathing without difficulties! You are loved by so many you were a wonderful aunt, mother , sister, daughter, grandmother and wife! You had a heart of gold who would help with anything now is your time to rest and be with all of our loved ones who have gone before you I know that there is a welcome home in heaven party going on now to welcome you home! I love you with all my heart!



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**Angie & Cole Edington** - November 29, 2016 at 07:50 AM

JP

“ Jim & Kathie Purvis lit a candle in memory of Stella Ruth Masterson



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**Jim & Kathie Purvis** - November 28, 2016 at 05:45 PM

M(

*Sorry for the loss keeping the family in prayer.*

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**Mellissa Duncan (Odett)** - November 29, 2016 at 07:44 PM

EP

*Prayers for peace and comfort to all the family.*

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**Elmer & Marcia Pate** - November 29, 2016 at 08:57 PM